

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner has required election in the present application between:

Group I, claims 1-2 and 6-29, drawn to an article, classified in class 428, subclass 701;

Group II, claims 3-4, drawn to a method, classified in class 427, subclass 446; and

Group III, claims 5, drawn to a method of use, classified in class 148, subclass 513.

For the purpose of examination of the present application, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I, Claims 1-2 and 6-29. Further, Applicants elect, without traverse, Species VI, the three layer structure comprising the materials recited in claim 16 or Example 30. Applicants elect “b. carbon” with respect to the substrate.

Claims 1, 2, 6-12, 14, 16, 18-20, and 26-29 are readable on the elected species.

CONCLUSION

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gerald M. Murphy, Jr., Registration No. 28,977 at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

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- ☐ Attached is a Petition for Extension of Time.
- ☐ Attached hereto is the fee transmittal listing the required fees.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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